

ENJOY BOCCE BALL? NEW STRUCTURES IMPROVE PLAYING AREA

The bocce ball courts at Valley View Playfield, 9000 Portland Avenue South, are ready for warmer weather. The courts recently received a makeover with the addition of three lattice trellises. The trellises will offer some much-needed shade for the players at the six bocce ball courts.

Design and construction was completed by the Tree Trust, a nonprofit organization that involves diverse urban populations in employment, community forestry and environmental programs.

For more information, contact Recreation Supervisor Jason Hicks at 952-563-8880.



AROUND THE TOWN



BIKING THROUGH BLOOMINGTON

CITY STAFF, OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE IN BIKE RIDE WITH MAYOR

Mayor Gene Winstead, *pictured above at right*, recently led 39 City employees, including Civil Engineer Amy Marohn, *above center*, and officials on a bike ride along 86th Street to showcase trail improvements.

“It was great to see a variety of City departments and commissions represented,” Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Community Liaison Robyn Wiesman said. “Everyone can use this experience as we move forward with projects that increase walkability and bikeability in Bloomington.”

The majority of the ride followed a seven-mile stretch of new bike lanes on 86th Street, with Mayor Winstead pointing out features along the way. The ride was sponsored by the City of Bloomington, the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota and SHIP.

The long-term changes approved for 86th Street include improvements at Lyndale Avenue and safety improvements to the intersections of 86th Street, and Nicollet and Portland avenues.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: SUSTAINABILITY.



CORNERSTONE AIMS TO END VIOLENCE

NONPROFIT EXPANDS EFFORTS TO PREVENT DOMESTIC ABUSE

Bloomington-based Cornerstone is a community organization committed to the prevention of domestic abuse.

Just 27 years ago, Cornerstone was only a few members strong. Today, the organization is thriving with a full staff, facilities and extensive programs for those in need.

“Cornerstone is committed to breaking the generational cycle of violence,” said Executive Director Susan Neis. “Many of our programs are designed specifically for children involved in domestic abuse. Just as domestic violence is traumatic for adults, it also takes a devastating toll on children.”

Cornerstone’s Children, Youth and Families program counselors teach children the skills they need to negotiate and mitigate violence in their lives. In addition, Cornerstone created an in-school program called Preventing Abuse and Violence through Education, which was created in 1993 and still serves local high schools throughout the metro area.

In September, Cornerstone hosted their Dream Big 2010 fundraiser event. Guest speakers included U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar and Dave St. Peter, President of the Minnesota Twins. The event raised more than \$130,000 to benefit Cornerstone programs.

One of the largest domestic violence agencies in Minnesota, Cornerstone works directly with families, offering transitional housing and counseling. They also provide legal advocates who work closely with local law enforcement to assist families with legal matters.

For more information and volunteer opportunities, visit www.cornerstonemn.org.



CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Located in Bloomington Civic Plaza at the corner of West 98th Street and Old Shakopee Road, the Center for the Arts is a first-class facility housing six arts organizations. For facility information, call 952-563-8889. For exhibit information and events, visit www.bloomingtonartcenter.com and click on Exhibitions, or call 952-563-8567.

GALLERY HOURS

Hours:	M - F	8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
	Sa	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
	Su	1 - 10 p.m.

For all theater tickets,
call the Box Office at
952-563-8575.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS:
CENTER FOR THE ARTS.

SCHNEIDER THEATER



AN OLD TIME RADIO CHRISTMAS

Bloomington Chorale presents *An Old Time Radio Christmas*, **Saturday, December 18, 7:30 p.m.**, and **Sunday, December 19, 4 p.m.** Tickets are \$14 adults; \$10 seniors/students.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Celebrate the season with the Medalist Band holiday concert, **Monday, December 20, 7 p.m.** Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$10 seniors/students.

INTO THE WOODS

Bloomington Civic Theatre will perform the classic play *Into the Woods*, directed by Joe Chvala, **January 14 - February 13**. Tickets are \$28 with discounts for seniors and students.

INEZ GREENBERG GALLERY

BEYOND THE BOOK

Beyond the Book, highlighting the work of local childrens’ book illustrators Nancy Carlson, Stephen Gammell, Mike Wohnoutka, Lauren Stringer, Derek Anderson, Beth Peck and Leslie Bowman, runs **January 7 - February 18**.



THE PRINCESS AND HER PANTHER
BY LAUREN STRINGER.

ATRIUM GALLERY

INSTRUCTOR/STUDENT ART SHOW

Come and see what the Bloomington Theatre and Art Center’s instructors and students have created in 2010, **now through January 2**.

NARRA(INTERVEN)TIONS

Narra(interven)tions by artist Micah Bloom, featuring oil and egg tempera paintings that investigate the relationships between domestic harmony and impersonal living spaces, runs **January 14 - March 6**. Artist’s reception is January 14, 6 - 8 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A Festive Reception takes place **Wednesday, December 8, 6 - 8 p.m.** This event is the kickoff to the Gifts in the Gallery holiday art sale and will feature a “meet and greet” with the artists, door prizes and entertainment. *See page 1*.

The Indoor Farmers Market, the last market of the year, takes place **Saturday, December 11, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

BLACK BOX THEATER

HOLLYWOOD CABARET

Hollywood Cabaret – the 30s, featuring Arne Fogel, Maud Hixson and Nichola Miller, takes place **January 29, 7:30 p.m.**, and **January 30, 2 p.m.** Tickets are \$18 adults; \$16 students/seniors.

FROM MILES TO ASTOR

Jazz band East Side will perform *From Miles to Astor*, a 1960s-style jazz show, **Sunday, January 23, 2 p.m.** Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$16 for students/seniors. Performance sponsored by the Twin Cities Jazz Society.